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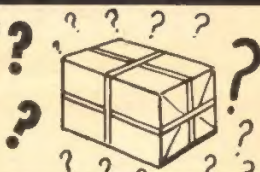
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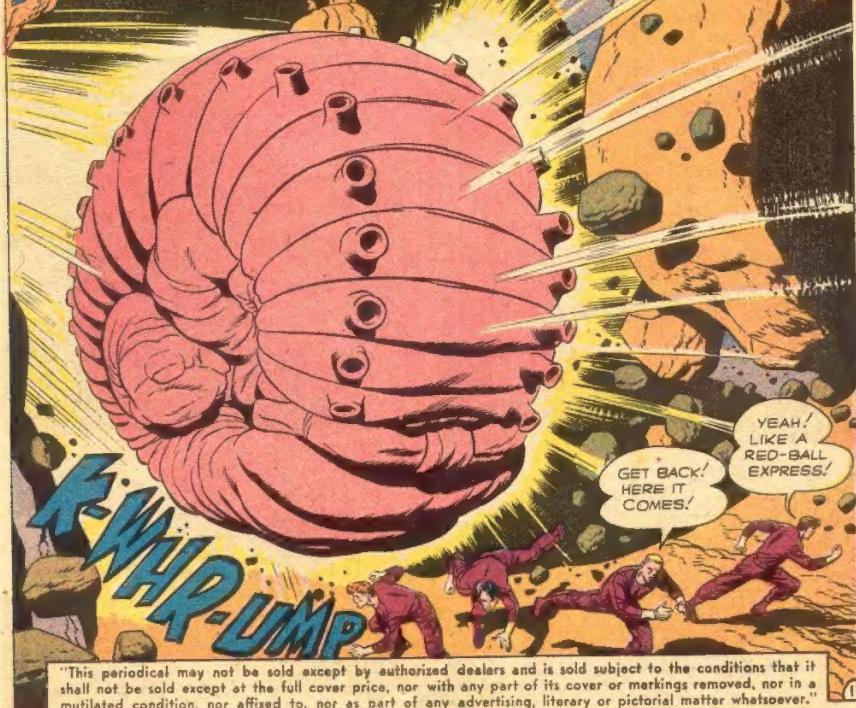
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WHAT UNEARTHLY MENACE PLUNGED DOWN WITH THE CRASHED SPACE SHIP? WHAT WAS THE AWESOME, UNKNOWN THING THAT TOOK TO WING, SNORTING FIRE? AND WHAT WAS IT THAT LURKED IN THE MURKINESS OF THE CAVERN--AND THE OTHER THING THAT SLITHERED INTO THE SEA? SWORN TO TREAD THE PATH WHICH ALL MEN FEAR, THE DAREDEVIL CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN CROSS THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ADVENTURE WHEN THEY SEEK OUT...

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THE BEASTS FROM PLANET 9



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AMONG THE ANCIENT RUINS OF DRUID ISLAND, A STARTLED FIGURE STARES INCREDULOUSLY AT A FANTASTIC SIGHT!



HOLY MACKEREL! AM I SEEING THINGS? IT-- IT CAN'T BE!

BUT IT *IS*! FANTASTIC CREATURES RUNNING LOOSE FROM A SPACE SHIP! THIS IS A JOB FOR MY OLD FRIENDS, THE *CHALLENGERS*!



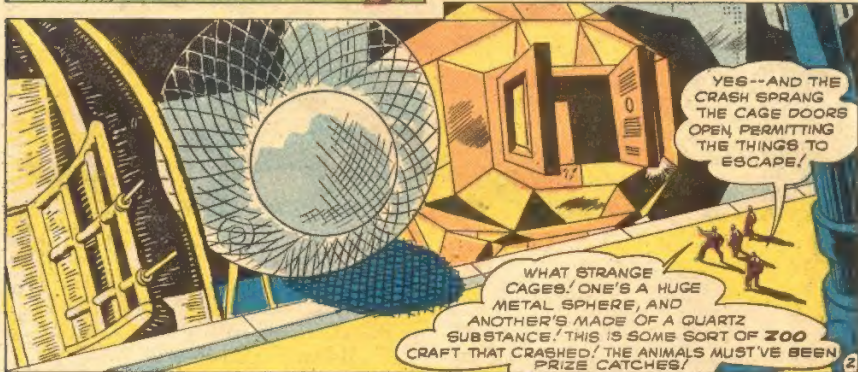
AND SO A PHONE CALL SUMMONS THE FAMED *CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN*, ACE MORGAN, RED RYAN, ROCKY DAVIS AND PROP HALEY, WHO ARRIVE BY SWIFT PLANE ...



HAD IT BEEN ANYBODY BUT YOU, CARVER, WE WOULD'VE CONSIDERED THIS SPACE SHIP BUSINESS A PRANK! WHERE IS IT?

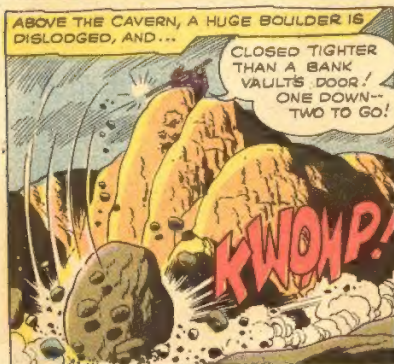
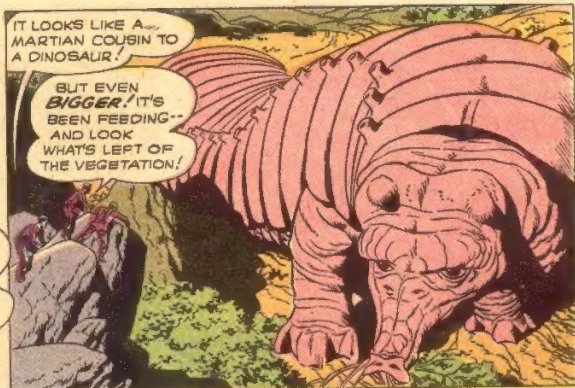
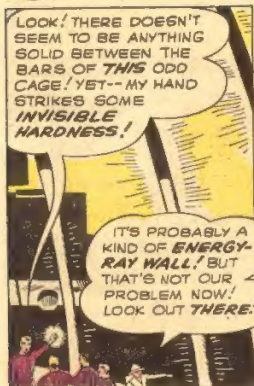
COME! I'LL SHOW YOU! I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYBODY IN THE VILLAGE ABOUT IT-- AS YOU ASKED ME NOT TO!

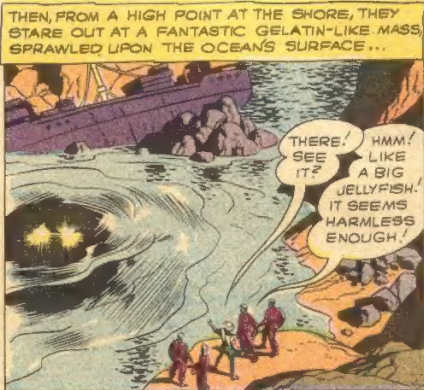
THAT'S RIGHT-- IT MIGHT CAUSE A PANIC! HMM-- SO THIS IS THE BABY! LET'S TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!



YES--AND THE CRASH SPRANG THE CAGE DOORS OPEN, PERMITTING THE THINGS TO ESCAPE!

WHAT STRANGE CAGES! ONE'S A HUGE METAL SPHERE, AND ANOTHER'S MADE OF A QUARTZ SUBSTANCE! THIS IS SOME SORT OF ZOO CRAFT THAT CRASHED! THE ANIMALS MUST'VE BEEN PRIZE CATCHES!

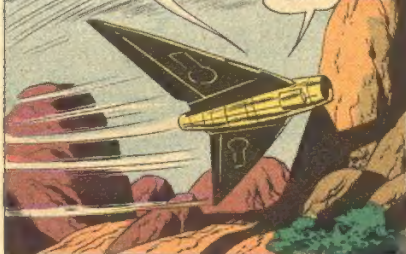




THEN, EQUIPPED WITH SOME WIRE SECURED FROM THE NEAR-BY VILLAGE, ACE AND RED TAKE TO THE SKIES...

ANY SIGN OF THE THING, ACE?

NOT YET--BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO FIND IT... NOT ONCE IT SPOTS US!



YOU WERE SO RIGHT, PAL! HERE IT COMES AFTER US!

GET READY WITH THAT WIRE, RED! WE'RE GOING RIGHT UP TO "SHAKE HANDS" WITH THAT CIGAR-LIGHTER!



THINKING THE PLANE TO BE A LIVING, FLYING THING, THE FIRE-SNORTING CREATURE WINGS IN, ITS TALONS THRASHING FURIOUSLY...

NOT HIGH ENOUGH, ACE! GET ABOVE IT!

THAT'S MY PLAN, CHUM, BUT THAT CHARACTER DOESN'T AGREE WITH ME! IT'S TRYING TO GIVE US A HOT FOOT!



GUNNING THE PLANE TO FULL POWER, ACE SUDDENLY MANEUVERS ABOVE THE CREATURE, AND...

THE WIRE, RED! THE WIRE! HEAVE IT OUT!

HERE GOES!



WITH THE SUSPENDED WIRE HUNG OVER THE MOMENTARILY PUZZLED CREATURE, ACE TAKES THE PLANE INTO A SERIES OF LOOPS...



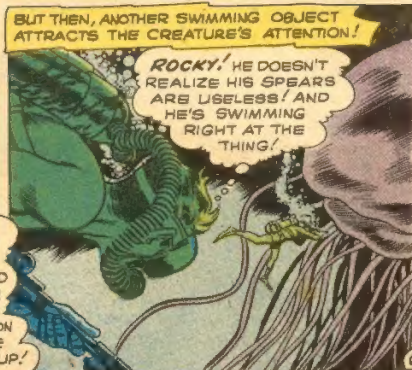
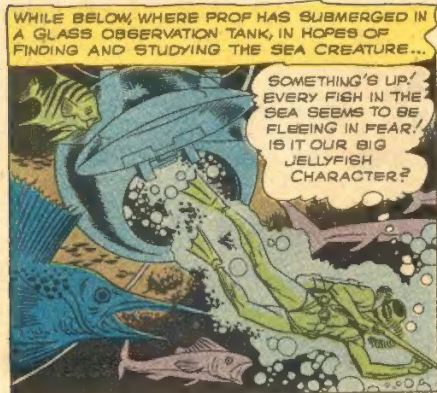
IF I CAN SPIN AROUND QUICKLY ENOUGH, WE'LL HAVE IT WRAPPED UP LIKE A COCOON!

BUT IN A RAGE, THE FABULOUS BIRD THRASHES FITFULLY, ROARING LIKE A BLAST FURNACE...



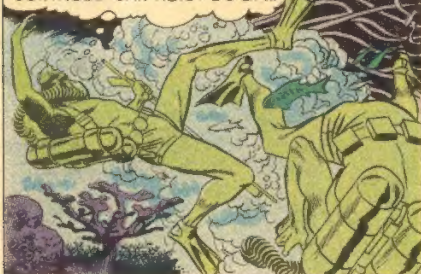
ITS FIERY BREATH IS MELTING THE WIRE!

AND WE'D BETTER CLEAR OUT OF HERE, BEFORE IT TURNS US INTO A FLYING CANDLE!



AT FIRST SURPRISED, BUT NOW IN A RAGE, THE THING SWIPES AT PROF AND ROCKY AS IF BATTING TWO MINNOWS...

THE OBSERVATION TANK--WE'VE GOT TO REACH IT! AUTOMATIC CONTROLS CAN HOIST US UP...



BATTLING THE TREMENDOUS MOTION OF THE WATER, THEY REACH THE GLASS TANK WHEN...

TOO LATE! IT'S GOT US COLD IN HERE! WE'LL BE ENGULFED JUST LIKE THAT DERELICT SHIP!



BUT SUDDENLY ENRAGED, THE GLOWING MONSTER THRASHES WILDLY ABOUT, BOILING THE SEA-- AND SENDING THE OBSERVATION TANK BOBBING TO THE SURFACE...

OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO DIVE FREE! MAYBE WE CAN USE THE SHIP'S HARPOON ON IT!



THEN, ABRUPTLY, THE SEA IS QUIET AGAIN, AND...

IT'S GONE-- SUBMERGED AGAIN INTO THE DEPTHS!

THAT HARPOON WOULDN'T HAVE HELPED, ANYWAY. LET'S JUST HOPE THAT IT HASN'T

GONE OFF LOOKING FOR ANOTHER BOAT TO ATTACK!

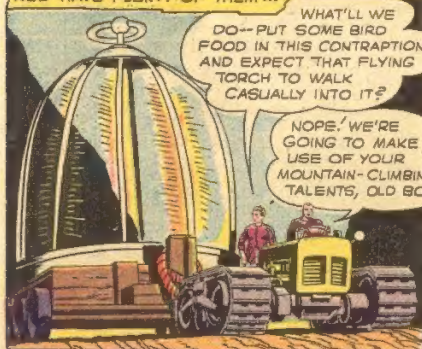


FOR AWHILE DOWN THERE, I SURE THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS! BUT IT'S ODD-- THE THING DIDN'T HARM THE OBSERVATION TANK!

THAT'S RIGHT--IT DIDN'T! I THINK THAT EXPLAINS THE QUARTZ-LIKE CAGE ON THE SPACE SHIP--AND IT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



MEANWHILE, SPEAKING OF PROBLEMS--ACE AND RED HAVE PLENTY OF THEM ...



WHAT'LL WE DO--PUT SOME BIRD FOOD IN THIS CONTRAPTION AND EXPECT THAT FLYING TORCH TO WALK CASUALLY INTO IT?

NOPE, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE USE OF YOUR MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING TALENTS, OLD BOY!

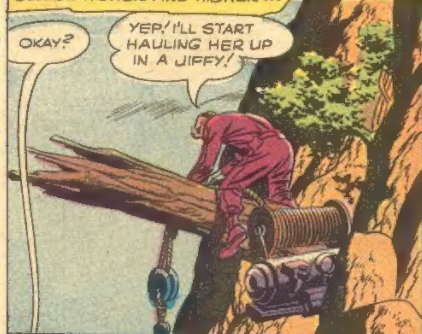
THEY MANEUVER THE STRANGE CAGE TO THE BASE OF SHEER HEIGHTS, WHERE ...



I GET IT, I ASCEND THE CLIFF--THEN TOW THE CAGE UP BEHIND ME!

YEAH--JUST LIKE THAT!

SLOWLY, BIT BY BIT, THE HUMAN-FLY CHALLENGER CLIMBS HIGHER AND HIGHER ...



OKAY?

YEP, I'LL START HAULING HER UP IN A JIFFY!



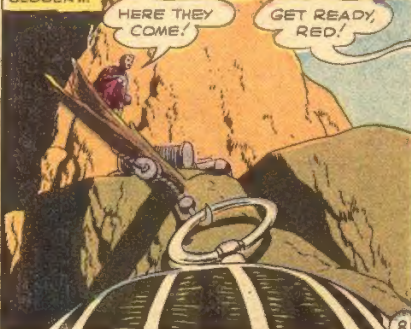
ALL RIGHT! GET IT UP AND TIE IT FAST! I'LL TAKE THE PLANE UP FOR ANOTHER CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN GAME WITH THE BIRD!

UPON HEARING THE PLANE'S MOTOR, THE FEARSOME CREATURE WINGS FORTH AGAIN ...



HERE WE GO AGAIN--A GAME OF RED-HOT TAG!

SLOWING DOWN, ACE WIRES THE THING CLOSER, CLOSER ...



HERE THEY COME!

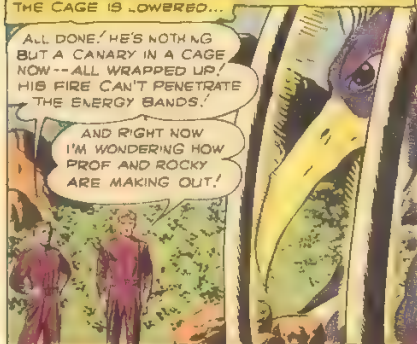
GET READY, RED!



THEN, AFTER RED PULLS THE DOOR CLOSED AND THE CAGE IS LOWERED...

ALL DONE! HE'S NOTHING BUT A CANARY IN A CAGE NOW--ALL WRAPPED UP! HIS FIRE CAN'T PENETRATE THE ENERGY BANDS!

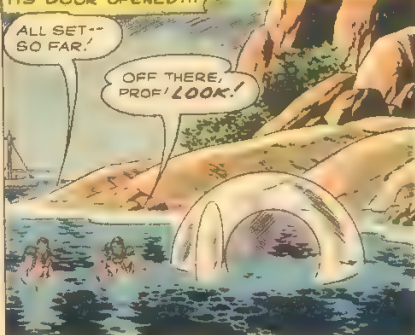
AND RIGHT NOW I'M WONDERING HOW PROF AND ROCKY ARE MAKING OUT!



PROF AND ROCKY, DURING THIS TIME, HAVE PLACED THE OBSERVATION TANK ASHORE, WITH ITS DOOR OPENED...

ALL SET--SO FAR!

OFF THERE, PROF! LOOK!



THE FREIGHTER HASN'T GOT A WEAPON ABOARD TO WITHSTAND THAT THING'S ATTACK!

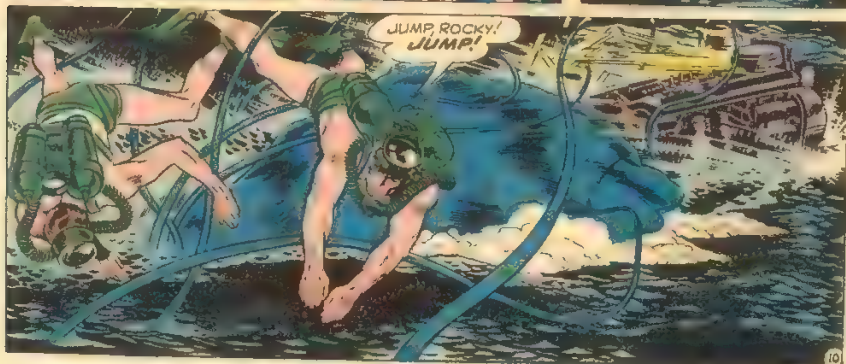
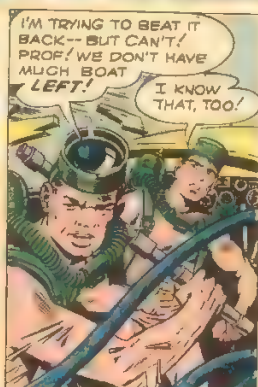
YEAH--AND NEITHER HAVE WE! SO WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

COME ON ROCKY! MINUTES COUNT! WE'VE GOT TO GET THERE BEFORE T BOARDS THE FREIGHTER!





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ITS MOMENTUM HAS CARRIED THE CREATURE--AND THE REMAINS OF THE BOAT INTO OUR GLASS TANK!



AND, INSTANTLY, PROF CLOSES AND LOCKS THE DOOR!

ITS STRANGE POWERS DON'T AFFECT GLASS--AS WE SAW EARLIER--IT'S SAFE IN THERE!

I GET IT! THE THING WAS LIKE JELLY--AND COULD BE SQUEEZED INTO A SMALL AREA!



THEN, UPON REJOINING ACE AND RED...

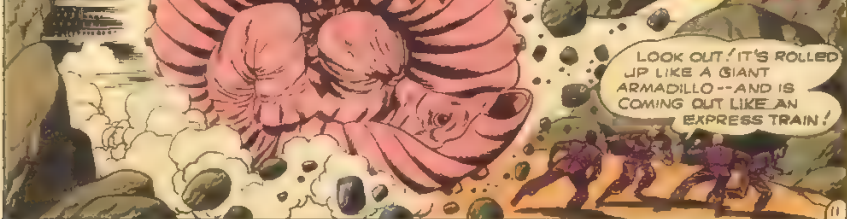
WE WERE LUCKY. ALL THREE CREATURES HAVE BEEN TRAPPED!

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SUDDENLY, THE HUGE BOULDER AT THE CAVE'S ENTRANCE IS SHOT ASIDE LIKE A CATAPULTED PEGGLE, AND...

KWHRR-ROOM!

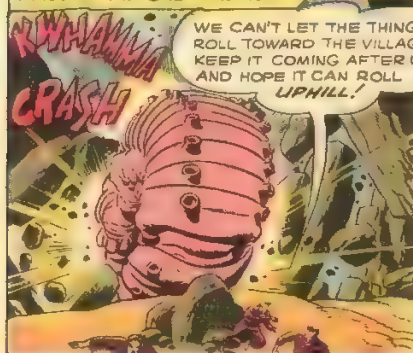




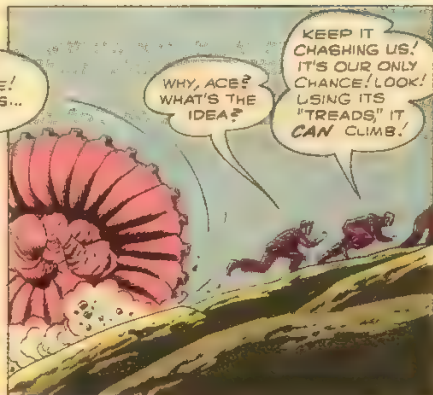
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WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, IT CRASHES RIGHT THROUGH THE GREAT RUINS...



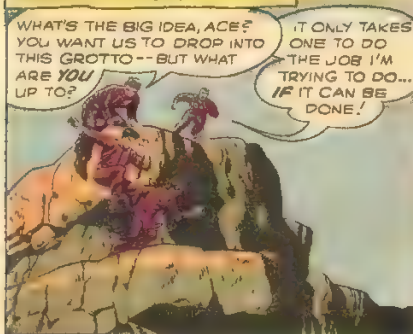
WE CAN'T LET THE THING ROLL TOWARD THE VILLAGE! KEEP IT COMING AFTER US... AND HOPE IT CAN ROLL UPHILL!



WHY, ACE? WHAT'S THE IDEA?

KEEP IT CHASING US! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE! LOOK! USING ITS "TREADS" IT CAN CLIMB!

UP, UP ONTO HIGHER AND HIGHER GROUND THE PURSUIT CONTINUES -- UNTIL...



AND, SUDDENLY, AT THE CLIFF'S EDGE, ACE STOPS...



THEN--ACE LEAPS OVER!

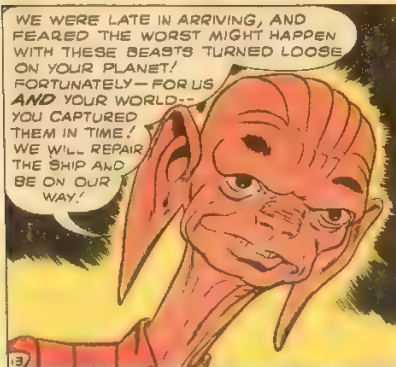
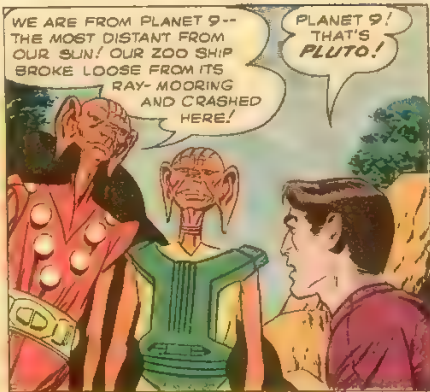
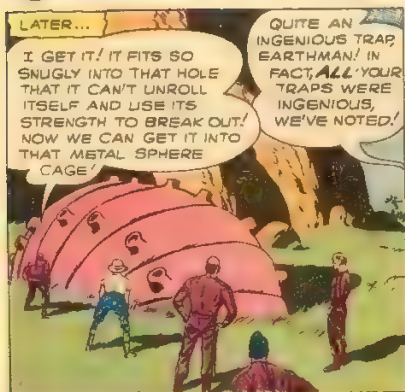


STRONG FINGERS REACH FOR THE TREE TRUNK--GRASP IT--AND...

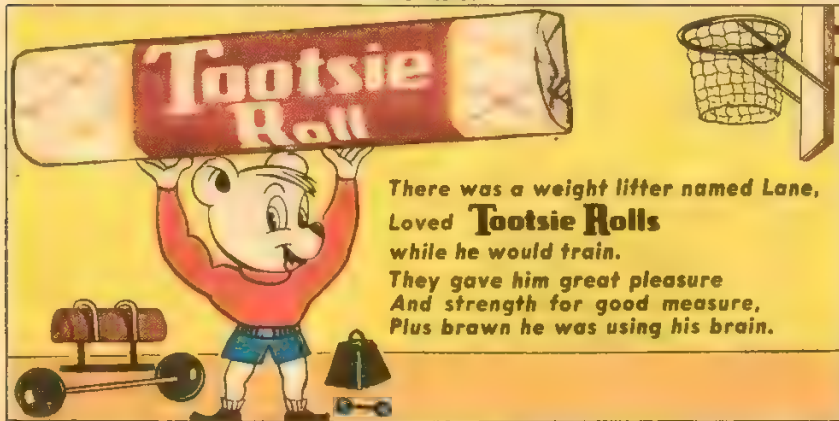




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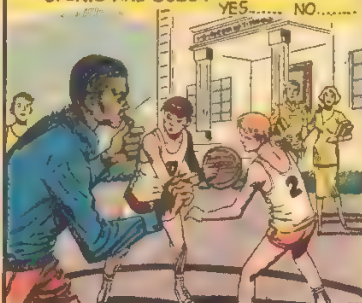
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B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"



C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?



HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES. BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

IF YOU SCORED 3 YES ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS B, C AND D--YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T--YOUR BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT.

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Countdown for a Doomed Planet

AS security officer in charge of the A-bomb test-firing, it was my job to make certain that no one wandered into the blast area. Somehow, I had missed the cloaked figure whose indistinct form I now spotted through my binoculars. But it was too late to stop the firing.

You can imagine my thoughts when I again saw the cloaked figure as it idly walked away from the blasted area. "No one on earth could survive a direct hit by an A-bomb," I told myself as I started after the stranger.

I didn't meet the stranger right away. But I did meet the space ship, which was parked at the desert's edge. I took a deep breath and entered through an open hatch located in the underbelly of the ship. I recognized its starter device, about the size of a half dollar, which was attached by a maze of thin wires to a coil under the steering stick.

I was admiring the fantastically simple propulsion unit when I heard footsteps behind me. I whirled about, and there was the stranger. I barely suppressed a gasp when the alien shed his helmet, revealing an enormous head on a stubby body that was clothed in a bulky space suit containing a dozen patch pockets.

The alien glared at me for a long moment, then carefully adjusted an instrument he wore around his neck. I assumed it to be a language translator, and I was right. An instant later, he spoke to me.

"I have just tested what is considered your most powerful weapon," he said. "It is really a toy. Wait until you sample OUR weapons."

I hoped he could not hear the thumping of my heart. "What are you getting at?" I managed to ask.

"Every thousand years, for a period of an earth month, our solar systems approach each other close enough to permit our warships to reach you," he said. "I was sent ahead to determine our

chances of success. I would say they were excellent, wouldn't you?"

I made no further attempt to hide my fear. "Wh-when is your invasion to take place?" I asked.

"Soon," he replied. "You see, I must first ascend to a point beyond your atmosphere, in which my vacuum radio can operate. I must be in the proper sending position before earth nightfall. If I am delayed beyond that time, our solar systems will speed apart and prevent our ships from reaching earth."

I then made what may seem to be a foolhardy move. I threw myself on the alien, and tried to grapple with him. Recovering from his surprise, he threw me off easily, and sent me hurtling out through the hatch.

Once outside, I began running like a frightened rabbit. Ten seconds later, the alien caught up with me. After a fruitless search through my pockets, he cried, "The starter device—you tore it loose! Where is it?"

I pointed to the desert sand. "Find it yourself," I said.

"Fear not—I will," he said. "The area is not very large."

The alien began his frantic search. This was earth's countdown. If he found it and took off before nightfall, earth was doomed.

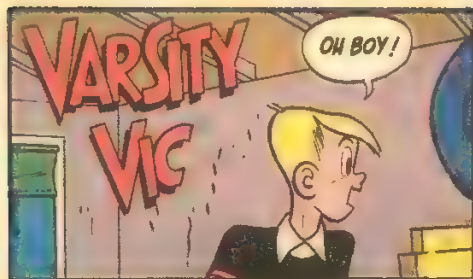
Then, suddenly, he stopped searching. I saw the reason why—the sun had dipped beyond the horizon.

"Too late," he moaned. "We will not be able to return for a thousand years!"

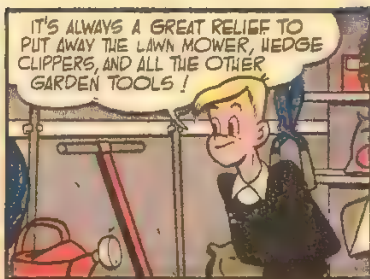
"By that time," I replied, "we will have the weapons to repel you."

The alien nodded. "And by-then, my planet may be less war-like," he said. Then, a curious look came over his face. "The starter device—where did you hide it?"

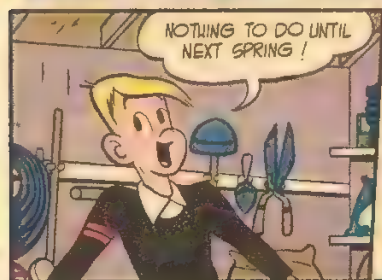
I pointed to one of his pockets. I thought I detected a faint smile on his face as he drew the object out.



OH BOY!



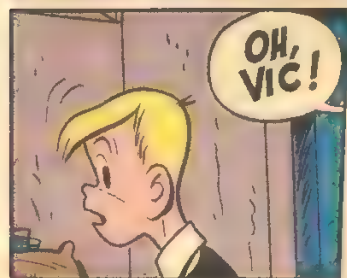
IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT RELIEF TO PUT AWAY THE LAWN MOWER, WEDGE CLIPPERS, AND ALL THE OTHER GARDEN TOOLS!



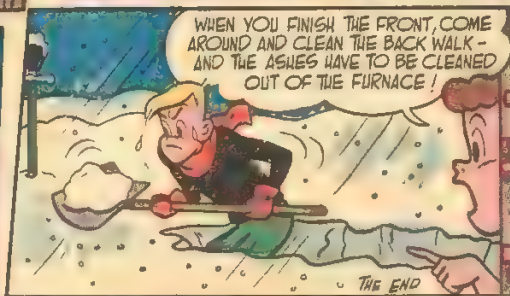
NOTHING TO DO UNTIL NEXT SPRING!



WINTER'S GREAT - NOW I CAN SIT BY THE FIREPLACE AND JUST READ!



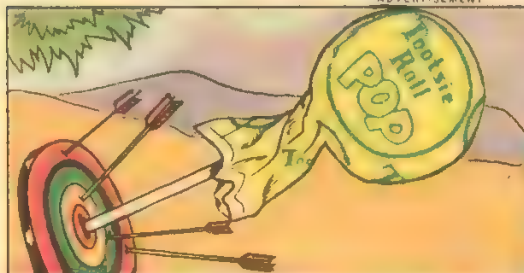
OH, VIC!



WHEN YOU FINISH THE FRONT, COME AROUND AND CLEAN THE BACK WALK - AND THE ASHES HAVE TO BE CLEANED OUT OF THE FURNACE!

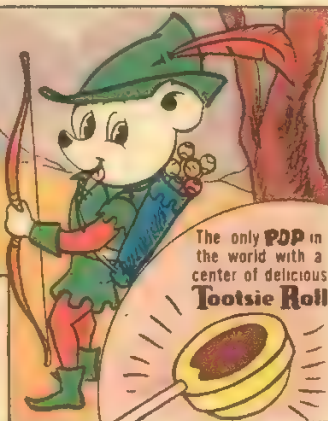
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There once was an archer named Park,
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WE'VE GOT TO
STOP ZAMMER! HE'S
GOT THE **COLD FLAME**
AIMED AT JUNE! IT WILL
TURN HER INTO AN ICE
STATUE!

YEAH--BUT
AT OUR SIZE,
WHAT CAN
WE DO?

WHAT INCREDIBLE INSTRUMENTS
OF SCIENCE WERE THESE THAT
GAVE MAN POWER TO PEER
THROUGH STONE AND STEEL--
TO FREEZE WITH FIRE--AND TO
WALK THROUGH SOLID WALLS?
ONLY THE **CHALLENGERS OF
THE UNKNOWN** DARED PROBE
SUCH FORBIDDING MYSTERIES!
YET, EVEN THIS FEARLESS
FOURSOME SEEMED DOOMED
TO FALL VICTIM TO THE MAN
WHO RULED...

THE ISLE OF NO RETURN



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UPON COMPLETING HIS MIDNIGHT TOUR, A BANK WATCHMAN PAUSES FOR A COFFEE BREAK-- BUT...

WHAT--
WHAT'S HAPPENING
TO THE **WALLS**?
THEY'RE STARTING
TO GLOW
WITH A
GREEN
COLOR!

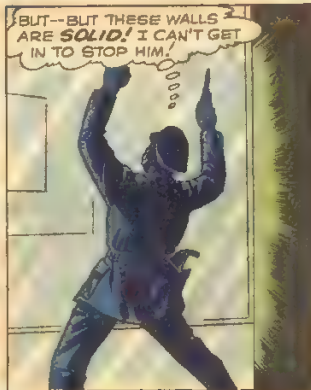


IT'S GETTING BRIGHT--
BRIGHTER! WHAT IN
THE WORLD--?

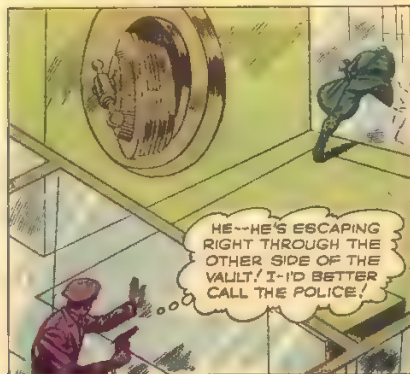


FANTASTICALLY, THE GLOWING WALLS SUDDENLY
BECOME **TRANSPARENT** AS THE WATCHMAN
STARES AT A DUMFOUNDING SIGHT...

I CAN SEE
THROUGH THE
WALLS LIKE
GLASS! AND...
AND THERE'S A
MAN WALKING
RIGHT THROUGH
THE WALLS INTO
THE VAULT
ROOM!



BUT--BUT THESE WALLS
ARE **SOLID!** I CAN'T GET
IN TO STOP HIM!

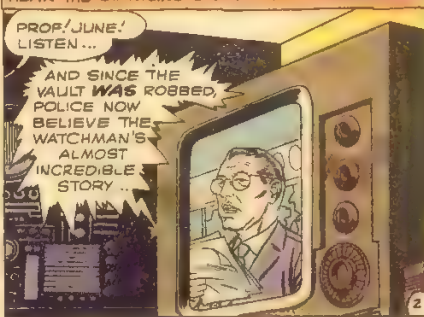


HE--HE'S ESCAPING
RIGHT THROUGH THE
OTHER SIDE OF THE
VAULT! I-I'D BETTER
CALL THE POLICE!

THE NEXT MORNING, THE **CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN**-- ACE, RED, PROF AND ROCKY--
HEAR THE STARTLING STORY ON A TV NEWSCAST...

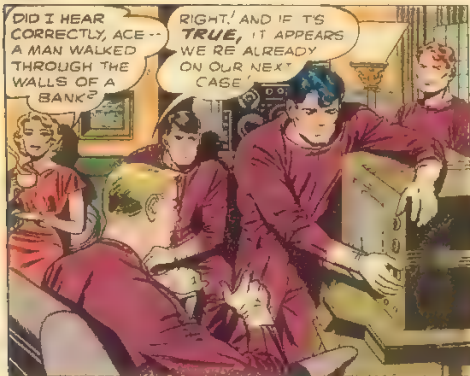
PROF! JUNE!
LISTEN...

AND SINCE THE
VAULT **WAS** ROBBED,
POLICE NOW
BELIEVE THE
WATCHMAN'S
ALMOST
INCREDIBLE
STORY...

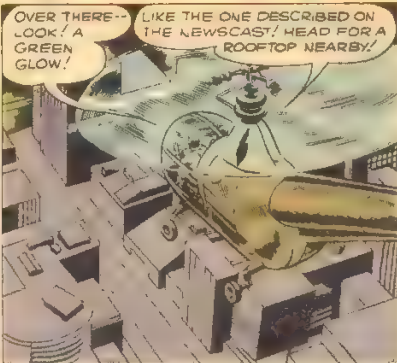




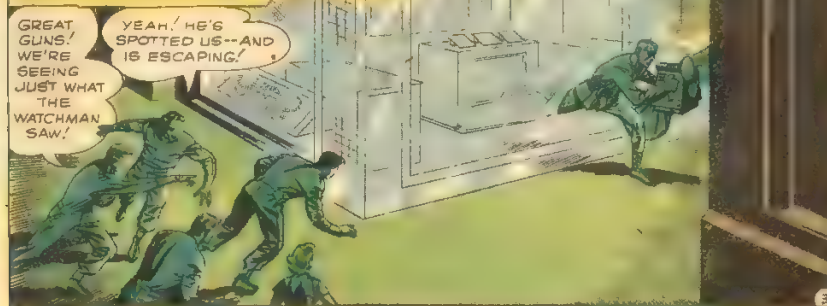
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THAT NIGHT, IN A HELICOPTER, THE CHALLENGERS FLY SLOWLY OVER THE CITY...

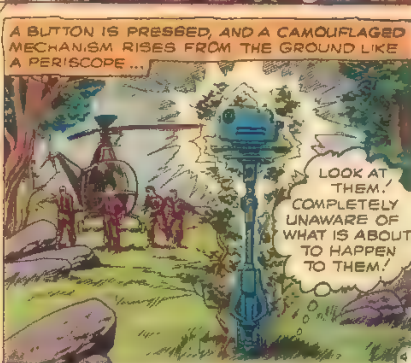
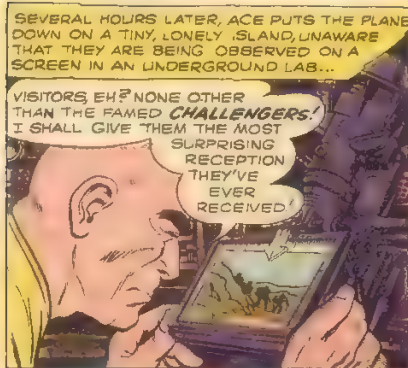
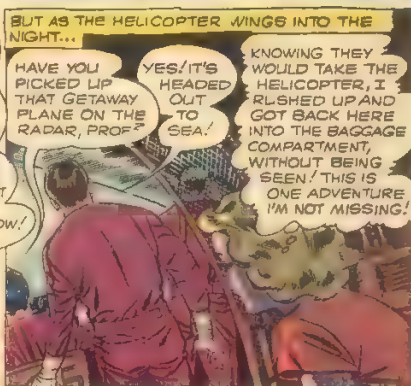


ARRIVING AT THE SCENE OF THE BRILLIANT GREEN GLOW--A JEWELRY STORE--THE ADVENTURERS SEE AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT...





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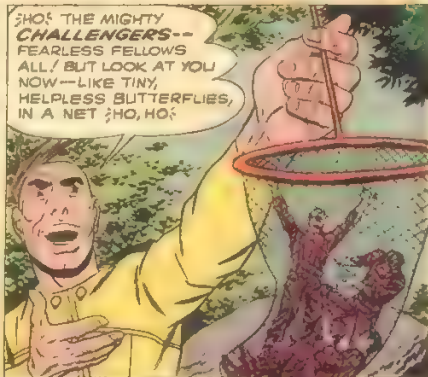
FANTASTICALLY, THE FOURSOME BEGINS TO SHRINK...



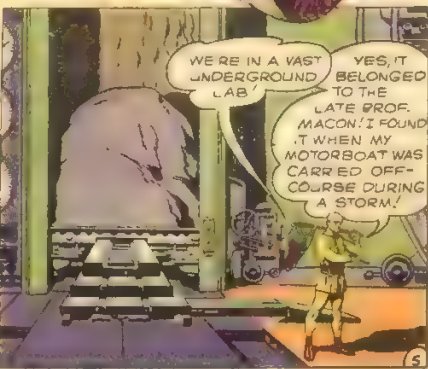
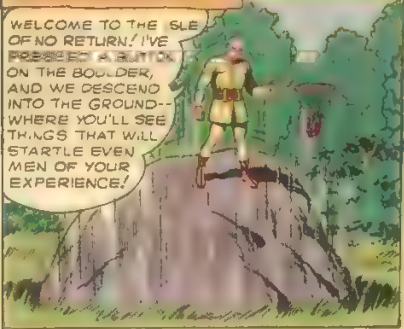
...AND SHRINK...



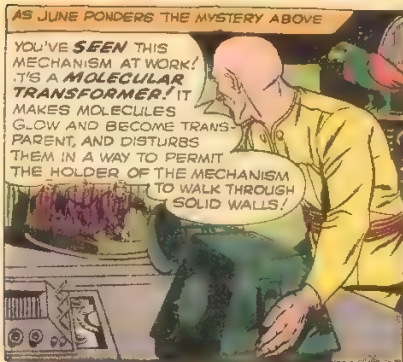
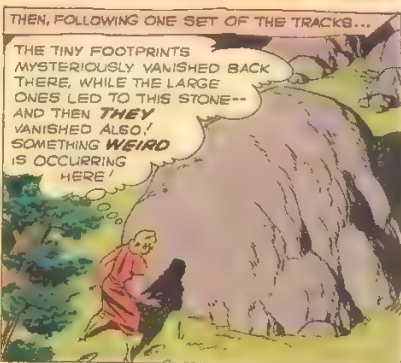
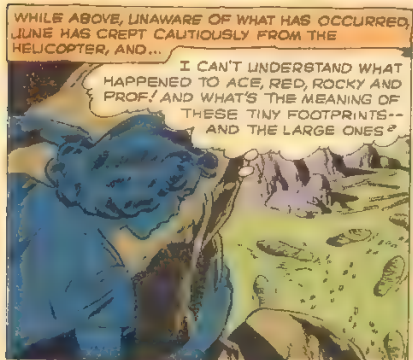
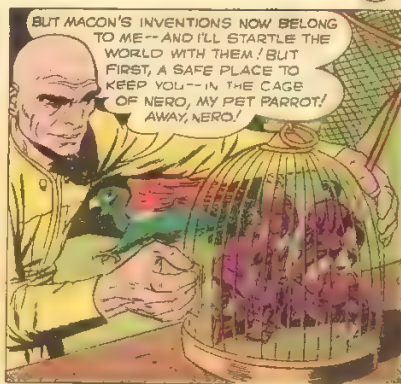
...UNTIL...



THEIR GRINNING CAPTOR MAKES HIS WAY TO A HUGE BOULDER, AND...

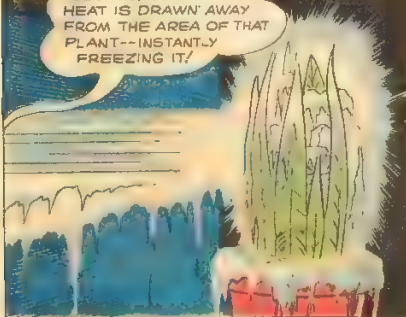


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THEN, WHEN A BEAM IS FOCUSED UPON THE PLANT...

SEE! WITHIN A BRIEF SECOND, EVERY BIT OF HEAT IS DRAWN AWAY FROM THE AREA OF THAT PLANT--INSTANTLY FREEZING IT!



I GET THE PITCH NOW! HE INTENDS USING THOSE OTHER DEVICES--JUST AS HE DID THE **MOLECULAR TRANSFORMER**--TO COMMIT CRIMES ON THE MAINLAND!

AND WE'RE HELPLESS-- AT THIS SIZE-- TO STOP HIM.



HERE'S ANOTHER OF MACON'S INVENTIONS-- A **DISINTEGRATOR**! WATCH WHEN I FIRE IT AT THE FROZEN PLANT!



THERE IS A BRIEF HUMMING SOUND, AND THEN--



PROF! DID YOU SEE THAT?

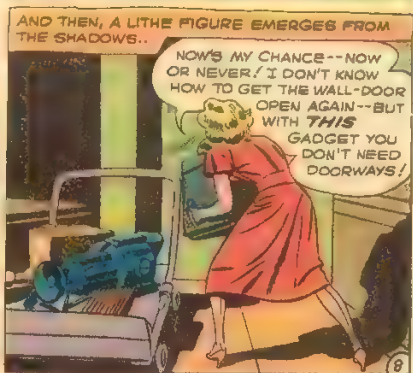
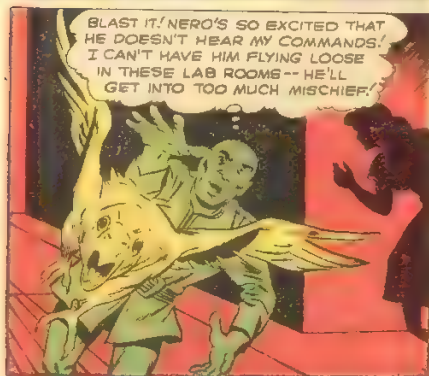
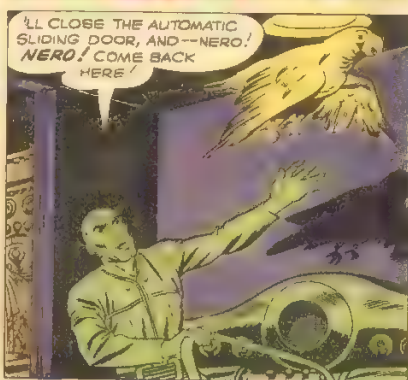
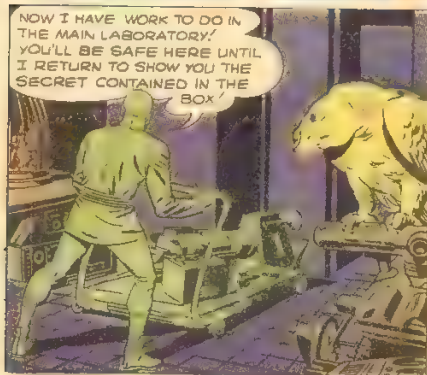
IT'S A DISINTEGRATOR, ALL RIGHT--THERE'S NOT A TRACE OF THE PLANT LEFT! MACON SCORED A MAJOR TRIUMPH FOR SCIENCE!



YOU'RE VERY WRONG, MY DIMINUTIVE PRISONERS! SCIENCE WILL NOT PUT A HAND ON MACON'S INVENTIONS! THEY BELONG TO ANTON ZAMMER NOW-- THEY'RE MINE TO DO WITH AS I PLEASE!



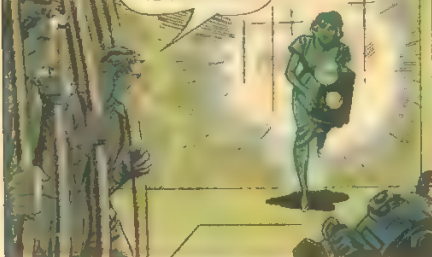
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FOCUSING THE BEAM ON THE WALL, JUNE SOON SETS IT AGLOW, AND THEN...

FOR PETE'S SAKE! IT'S JUNE!

SHE'S GOT THE MOLECULAR GIMMICK-- AND SHE'S WALKING THROUGH THE WALLS TO REACH US!



YOU'RE A WELCOME SIGHT, JUNE! THIS IS ONE ADVENTURE YOU *DIDN'T* MISS! HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

I STOWED AWAY IN YOUR HELICOPTER! THEN I FOUND THE BUTTON THAT OPERATED THE BOULDER-TOP ELEVATOR!



THAT MAY BE THE THING THAT REDUCED US! TAKE US TO IT!



OH, NO! THOSE TINY FOOTPRINTS I SAW! YOU'VE-- YOU'VE...

YES! WE'VE BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE! HURRY, JUNE! GET US OUT OF HERE!



OUR FIRST MOVE IS TO REACH THE MACHINE THAT REDUCED US! I THINK WE CAN REVERSE ITS ACTION AND REGAIN OUR SIZE!

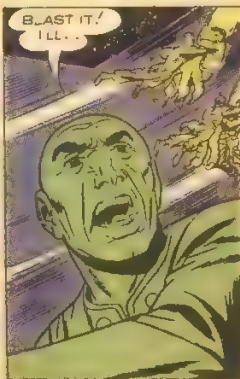
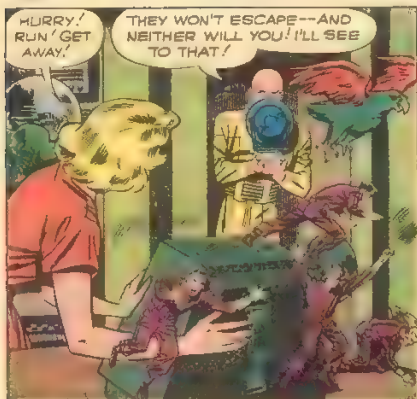
I SAW AN ODD DEVICE ON A PERISCOPE MECHANISM WHEN I WAS HUNTING FOR YOU DOWN HERE!



BUT SUDDENLY...

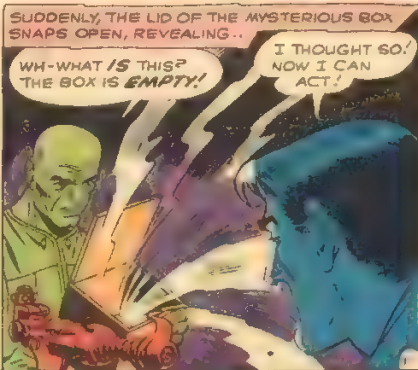
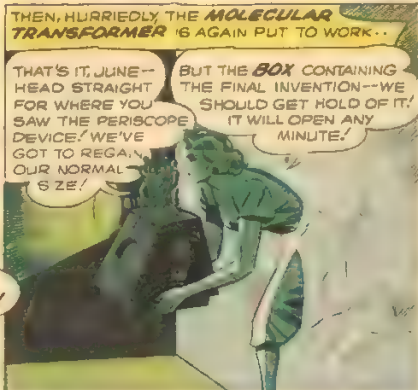
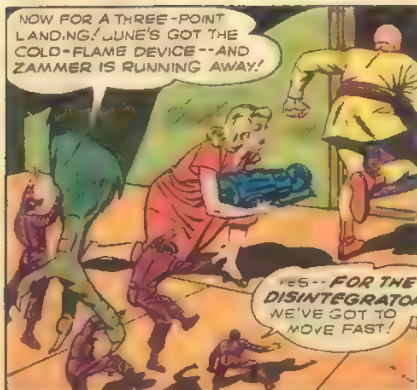
WELL, WELL! A MOST CHARMING INTERLOPER! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE-- OR HOW YOU GOT HERE-- BUT IT'S OBVIOUS YOU SHAN'T BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE!





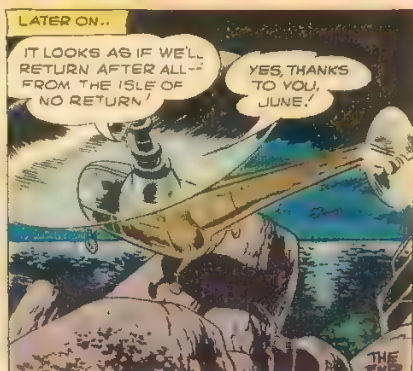
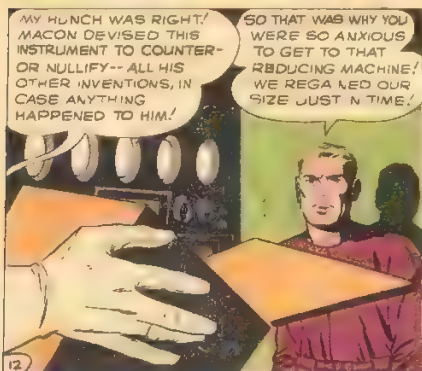
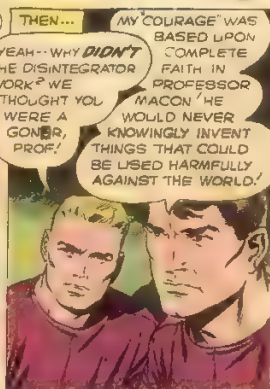


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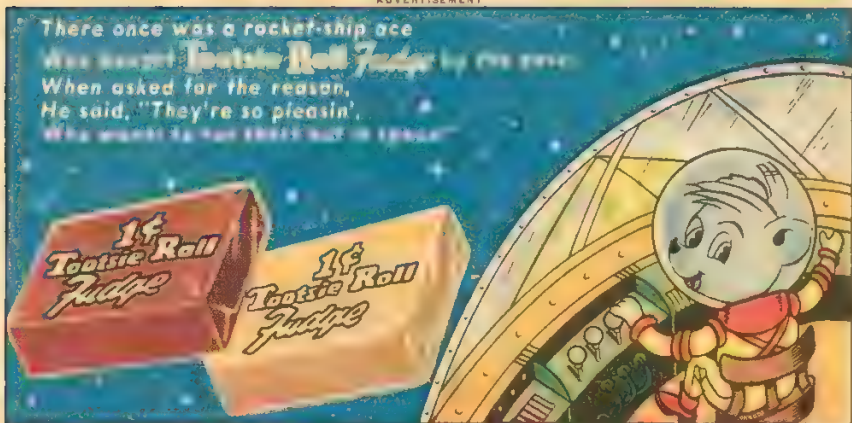




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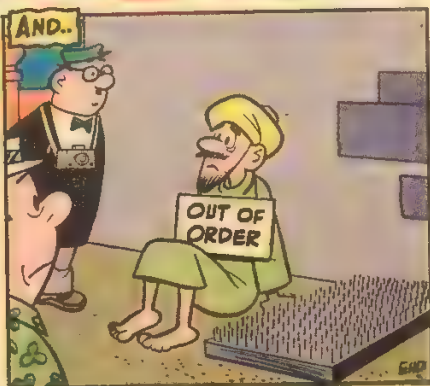
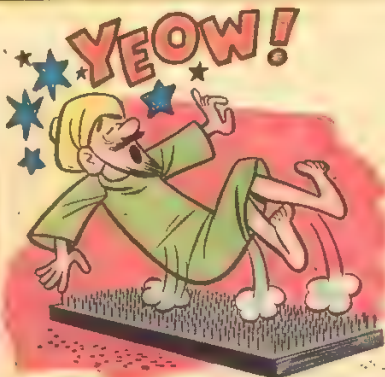


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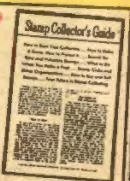
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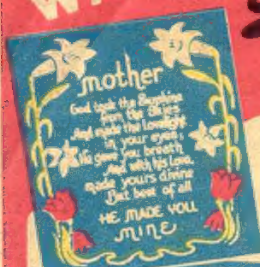
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AFTER

BEFORE

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